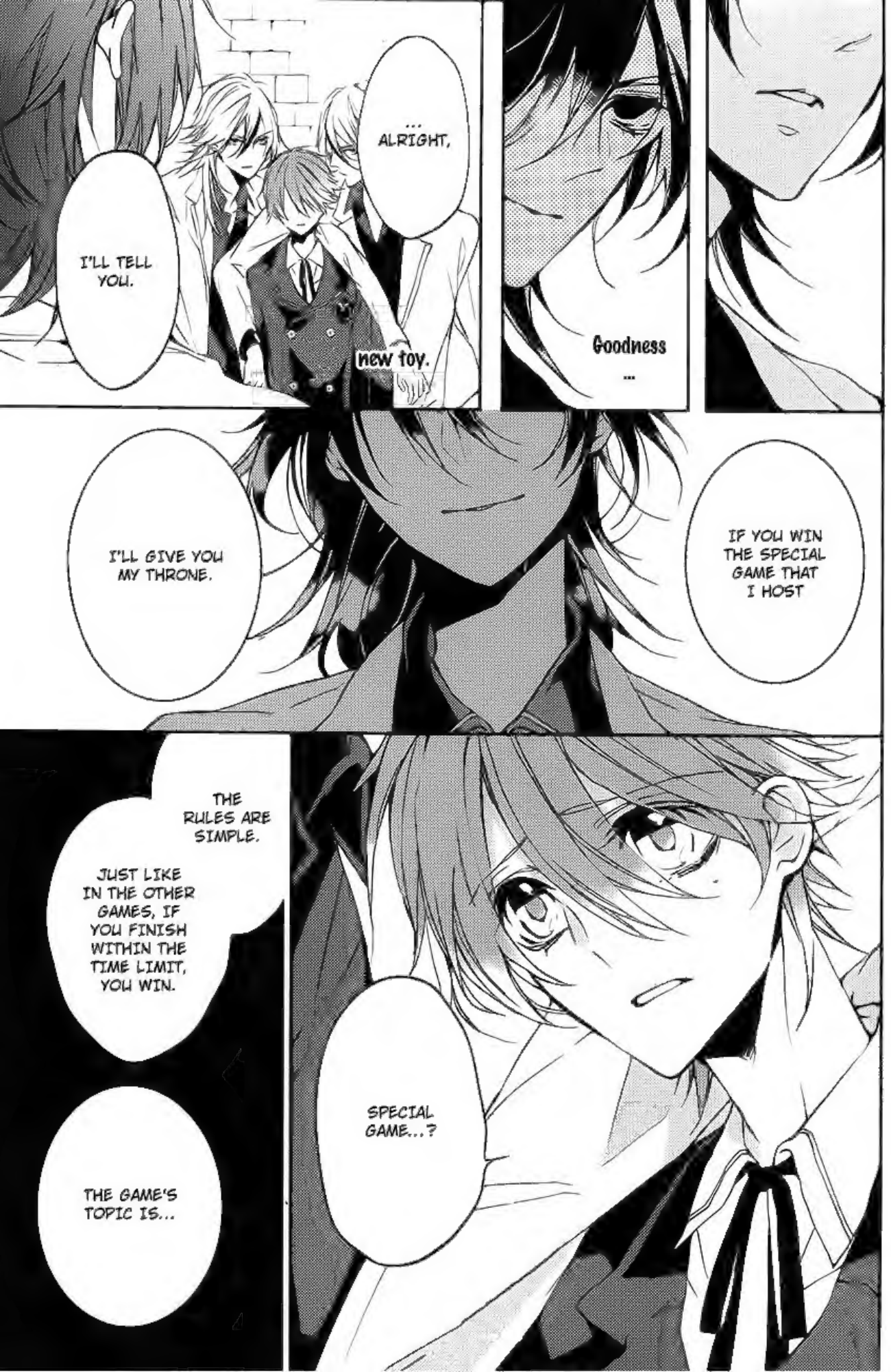
There was no place for me to belong in Japan.
I've always wanted to escape,
just like that, Daddy Long-Legs saved me from the cage.
But,
what's waiting for me outside is
an even larger cage full of games.
I stay in this cruel bird cage
but I don't want to run anymore.
for the first friend I've ever made,
for Daddy Long-Legs,
for myself.
I won't run away.
I will spread my wings inside this cage
and use my own might
to open the door.
鳥籠シンドローム

I grant to you the right to have wings,
I grant to you the freedom to spread them,
But...
But The freedom to rip off those wings and to burn them to ashes
is also mine.
Torikago Syndrome
#VI Justice (Gerechtigkeit)
鳥籠シンドローム
とりかご
サマミヤアカザ
AKAZA SAMAMIYA PRESENTS

HOW DO I BECOME THE KING?
I want to end this game.
SO WHAT DO I NEED TO DO
TO BECOME THE KING?

This is...
the Knight's Club?
WERE YOU SERIOUS WHEN YOU SAID THAT?
HEY, TRANSFER STUDENT, DON'T FUCK AROUND.
GRAB
HE REALLY IS
AN INTERESTING GUY.


I'LL TELL YOU.
... ALRIGHT,
new toy.
Goodness ...
I'LL GIVE YOU MY THRONE.
IF YOU WIN THE SPECIAL GAME THAT I HOST
THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.
JUST LIKE IN THE OTHER GAMES, IF YOU FINISH WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT, YOU WIN.
THE GAME'S TOPIC IS...
SPECIAL GAME...?

STEAL THE "KING'S" MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION.
IF YOU FAIL
I WILL ROB YOU OF EVERYTHING THAT IS SIG-NIFICANT TO YOU.
YOUR RANK, YOUR PLACE,
THE PEOPLE YOU CARE FOR,
EVERY-THING.
I TRUST YOU'RE PREPARED FOR THIS?
Not...

What do I doooooo???
all.
I SAID SOMETHING OUT OF THE LINE...
But...
I can't forgive...
at...
this game...
that exists just to pain others.
Mark...

Dear Greer
I CAN'T...
WRITE A LETTER TODAY EITHER.
STOP TALKING ABOUT THOSE BORING NEWS FEEDS, DAD.
IT'S TRUE THAT I HAVE THE FREEDOM TO MAKE PHONE CALLS, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE PHONE TOLL IS FREE.
OH, I DON'T HAVE MUCH ELSE TO SAY.
OH YEAH, I RECEIVED YOUR NEWS ARTICLE THANKS, DAD.
YEAH, THAT ARTICLE ON THE CHAIRMAN.
Five years ago, Chairman John Schneider of OOOO school, whose whereabouts were unknown, met a suspicious death
WHAT? THE REASON FOR THE ACCIDENT?
IF I KNEW THAT, I WOULD'VE WRITTEN IT ABOUT IT IN THE NEWS-PAPER ALREADY.
RECENTLY I'VE BEEN BUSY WRITING UP NEW MATERIAL.
IT'S VERY, VERY SPECIAL~
SOMEONE'S HAS THEIR EYES SET ON THE THRONE THAT RULES OUR SCHOOL.
THIS HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN FIVE YEARS~

Five years ago...
the time when Kain became the king was around the time of the chairman's death...
.....
...NO WAY.
HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN FIVE YEARS...
Was it just a coincidence...?
DAD, I'M HANGING UP NOW.
NO. SORRY, IT'S NOTHING.
WHAT'S WRONG?
YEAH...
TSUGUMI HASN'T BEEN HERE IN A WHILE.
BUT I'VE MADE SO MANY TREATS FOR HIM.
JUST A REMINDER, THIS IS MY OFFICE.
Put it back in your room. I don't think he wants to eat them anyways.
PUTS BACK

Shuffle
EH? OH.
I'M HEADING OUT FOR A BIT.
.....
IS IT OKAYTO NOT WRITE TO DADDY LONG-LEGS?
Crumple up
Daddy Long-Legs!..

鳥籠シンドローム

forward.
Right now I want to tell Daddy Long Legs about everything
I'm scared
to hear the real reason
Why... didn't
to Mark?
Yet I can't write it out in a letter...
TSUGUMI...?
DADDY LONG-LEGS
...YOU MEAN LIKE JOHN SMITH IN WEBSTER'S BOOK? *

In the original 1912 novel, the main character Judy Abbott, is financially supported through college by a man whom she calls "Daddy Long-Legs". Judy is asked by Daddy Long-Legs to write a monthly letter to him, and those letters are addressed to a certain "Mr. John Smith", who never replies back.

...IS THAT SO.
CRUNCH
HMM... HE'S SOME-ONE VERY SIMILAR.
I'VE NEVER MET A DADDY LONG-LEGS.
MY PARENTS HAVE ALSO PASSED AWAY. ALTHOUGH I HAVE AN UNCLE TO WHO RAISED ME,
BUT, I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE ABOUT THAT, SO...
YES, JUST LIKE YOURS.
BOTH YOUR MOM AND DAD PASSED AWAY?

KEEP IT A SECRET.
...OH YEAH, ABOUT DADDY LONG-LEG'S LETTER...
AH... YEAH.
A secret...
DUE TO THE DOINGS OF THE KING, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
Huh?
IF MARK DIDN'T RECEIVE A LETTER

WHAT IF...
EVERY-THING WAS CAREFULLY PLANNED FROM THE START?
"Because of those people who are hurt, we get to enjoy ourselves in the game."
.....
NE, LICHT.
THIS IS A RARE CHANCE, SO WHY NOT MAKE THIS MORE INTERES-TING?
THEN...
MARK TOO...

I SOMEWHAT REGRET
HAVING SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITHOUT KNOWING ANYTHING,
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY... I MUST BECOME THE KING.
BUT I'VE DECIDED.
So, I must
to take any means necessary.
IF THAT WAS SO, THEN...
...SO,
LICHT...

HELP ME...
I DEFINITELY WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN BY MYSELF,
SO PLEASE HELP ME.
Licht knows the game better than anyone,
and he's helped me many times before.
He even took me to see the King.

I DIDN'T THINK YOU, TSUGUMI, WOULD COME OUT AND ASK ME...
...HA... HAHA.
To me, Licht's power is absolutely necessary.
BUT I HAVE ONE CONDITION.
ALRIGHT, I'LL HELP YOU... I WAS GOING TO FROM THE START.
...CONDI-TION?
CAN YOU SINCERELY BE FRIENDS WITH ME?

BE FRIENDS WITH ME, TSU-GUMI.
FRIENDS...?
YEAH. FRIENDS.

Friends...

AHH, OSCAR...
YOU SEEM TO BE COMPLETELY MESMERIZED BY LICHT.
KING...
THAT'S WHY I LET YOU INTO THE KNIGHT'S CLUB.
HEY, OSCAR, DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT
YOU'D DO ANYTHING TO TAKE LICHT BACK?

I HOPE YOU CAN HELP US.
WE NEED YOU RIGHT NOW,
OSCAR.
Clang
Clang

I JUST DIDN'T KNOW THAT TEACHERS LIKE TO EAVES-DROP ON OTHERS' CONVERSA-TIONS.
STEP
STEP
DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME, -ICHI?

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU LIKE TSUGUMI A LOT. BUT NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO,
YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANY-THING
DIDN'T I ASK YOU TO TAKE CARE OF HIM?
I AM.
THAT'S HOW I DISCOVERED THIS...
WHAT... ARE YOU PLOTTING?
I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU THAT.
DON'T YOU HAVE A PLAN IN MIND, SENSEI?

OR SHOULD I CALL YOU,
JOHN SMITH?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
...HMM?

Finally
I've finished the letter!
GOOD MORNING, TSUGUMI.
G-GOOD MORNING...
Ba-dump
Licht...
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHAT'S THIS?
SO LOUD.
concerned

Oscar...?!
How did this happen? Why...?
CHATTER
WHY IS OSCAR-SAMA TIED UP THERE?
OSCAR-SAMA JUST BECAME PART OF THE KNIGHT'S CLUB. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
CHATTER

TO SAY
IF TSUGUMI FAILS THE GAME, YOU'LL BE NEXT.
IT'S PROBABLY A WARNING
THEY WENT SO FAR JUST FOR A WARN-ING...
Snicker
Snicker
OSCAR "SAMA", HUH... GUESS WE HAVE NO REASON TO BE RESPECTFUL TO SOMEONE THE KING HAS ABAN-DONED.
THAT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR BEING SO OBNOXIOUS!
HUMPH, HE PROBABLY GOT MARGI-NALIZED.
whisper
.....

NOW CAN WE TAKE REVENGE FOR THE PAST?
SHOULD WE STONE HIM?
HE DESERVES IT
Everyone...
Why
HE'D PROBABLY BURST INTO TEARS OF JOY.
IF MARK SAW THIS...
This is too strange...
TSUGUMI?
TSUGUMI... LET'S GO.
IF YOU PUT IN SOME EFFORT YOU WON'T END UP LIKE HIM.
EVEN THOUGH OSCAR...
CROSSED THE LINE...
But...

NEVER.
BECAUSE... I KNOW IT'S PAINFUL
AND SAD, AND BITTER...
SOMEONE WHO'S TRULY BEEN BULLIED
WOULDN'T BE HAPPY SEEING THIS...
MARK WOULDN'T BE HAPPY EITHER...
WHY...? WEREN'T YOU BULLIED BY HIM TOO?
HAVEN'T YOU EVER THOUGHT OF REVENGE?

I JUST WANTED TO HELP HIM.
I'LL BE GOING FIRST...
LICHT, I'M SORRY.

SO...
WHEN TIME IS UP, I'LL HAVE HIM REALIZE THAT...
...WHY IN THE WORLD...
TOO BRUTAL,
TOO SPITEFUL...
HOW DO I MAKE HIM HATE ME MORE AND MORE
I'LL TAKE THINGS TO THEIR CLIMAX
AND LET YOU PLAY TO YOUR HEART'S DESIRE.
AND CRAWL BACK HAGGARDLY TO CHALLENGE ME?

THERE ARE ACTUALLY TWO KINGS.
HEY, LOOK!
THE NEW TOPIC FOR THIS ROUND OF THE GAME.
WHAT DOES IT SAY?

YOU TWO. FIRST PERIOD HAS ALREADY STARTED.
WAH, SHIT!
THROW THE NEW JAPANESE KITTY OUT OF THE SCHOOL—
THE STUDENTS BESIDES TSUGUMI ARE GIVEN A DEMONIC TASK.

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The world of beautiful boys——the story of a holy boarding school!
——That's why the memories I share with you are always filled with the apples' sweet fragrance.
Spring is the time to enjoy the view of the apple tree's blossoms.
Fall is the time to enjoy the taste of the apple tree's fruit.
Torikago Syndrome
The final game starts!
#VII Devil (teufel)
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I WONDER IF OSCAR IS ALRIGHT.
Soak
WHO IN THE WORLD WOULD DO SUCH A THING?

YEAH...
THANKS FOR STAYING WITH ME, LICHT.
TSUGUMI, SECOND PERIOD IS STARTING...
WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE THE REST?
BUT WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE OSCAR ALL BY HIMSELF.
WHERE... AM I?
AYASE... TSUGUMI?
...AH...

YOU'RE IN THE NURSE OFFICE.
IT'S OKAY.
BAN-DAGES .?
WHY?
DID... LICHT SAVE ME...?
LICHT, OSCAR'S AWAKE.
!
...L... LICHT?
IT WASN'T ME.
THE ONE WHO SAVED YOU WAS AYASE TSUGUMI.

DON'T LAY YOUR HANDS
ON THE THINGS THAT I FANCY.
WHY...?
WHY DID I HAVE TO BE SAVED BY SOMEONE LIKE YOU?!
IT JUST HAD TO BE...
SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
...Oscar...

SMASH

DASH
...A rock?
THERE'S A NOTE ATTACHED TO IT.
WHO THREW THIS ROCK IN HERE?
Opens
Come to the assembly hall after school. Let us enjoy the final game.

TSUGUMI.
...I'LL GO WITH YOU.
THE FINAL GAME HAS BEGUN.
THANK YOU.
YEAH.
...
I knew it...

Perhaps, all of this is just a coincidence, but...
The time when the chairman went missing five years ago...
is the exact time when Kain became king...
HEINE FREIVOGEL.
THE FORMER KING...
HERE...
I feel a restless pounding in my chest.
If he was the previous king, maybe he knows something about the case...
It seems like he dropped out of school five years ago...
KAIN...
SEEMS DANGER-OUS...
I wonder if I should tell the transfer student about this.

*Ironically, "freivogel" means "freedom bird.

Flip
WHY...
WOULD A MEMBER OF THE NEWSPAPER CLUB REVIEW THE OLD NAME BOOKS?
HEY, DOG*. IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE HAS DISCOVERED SOMETHING INTERESTING.
WHAT SHALL WE DO?
*I don't know if Kain is calling the guy "dog" or whether the guy's name is actually "Inu". In this version, based on Kain's tone, it would seem like his name is Inu (same pronunciation as "dog"), but in previous versions the twins said it as if they're just calling him a dog.

TSU-
GUMI...
IT'S
ALMOST
TIME...
Whisper
Whisper
Why is
everyone acting
strange today...?
YEAH,
LET'S GO.
Creak

IS THE KING... INSIDE?
IT'S... COMPLETELY DARK...
LIGHT...
Twud...
Sail
TSU-GUMI...?
W-WHAT IS THIS LIQUID?
WHERE'D IT COME FROM...?
Splat
?!

LOOK, HE'S HERE
GET OUT OF HERE, YOU STINKY JAPANESE DOG!
GET OUT!
GET OUT!
HEY, WAIT A SECOND

murmur
YOU'RE RIGHT ...
IT'S REALLY LICHT.
murmur
WHY IS LICHT HERE?
ATTENTION ATTENTION!
AH---
AH--
murmur
WHAT?
AN ANNOUN-CEMENT?
HEY, WHERE'S THAT SOUND COMING FROM?
murmur
SO FUCKING MOIST. WE'RE ALL HERE, SO SPEAK ALREADY!
THIS IS A REGRETFUL MESSAGE FROM THE KING.
IT SEEMS THAT LICHT HAS BETRAYED US AND WANTS TO END THE GAME.

UPROAR
Any student who can run both Ayase and Licht out of the school will be given
The title of Game Master. Do you understand, my fellow students?
That's why the task of this game has been changed accordingly.
Your time limit is up once you've been thrown out.
Steal the king's most precious possession within the given time.
But, the task for Ayase and Licht remains the same.
!
What you do is up to you, but you can avenge yourself by helping to throw them out of the school.
To Oscar, who is pathetically hiding over there,
Oscar...?
Why is he here?
Ah,
and also,

LICHT BETRAYED THE KING...?
MURMUR
MURMUR..
LICHT IS THE ENEMY...?!
MURMUR
Ah, but, you can only do this after school or in the dorms. It'd be troublesome if the teachers found out.
You're allowed to do anything to throw these guys out of school,
And you won't even be penalized for breaking the rules either.
...what?
Licht, be sure not to fall.

So...
Let the game begin!

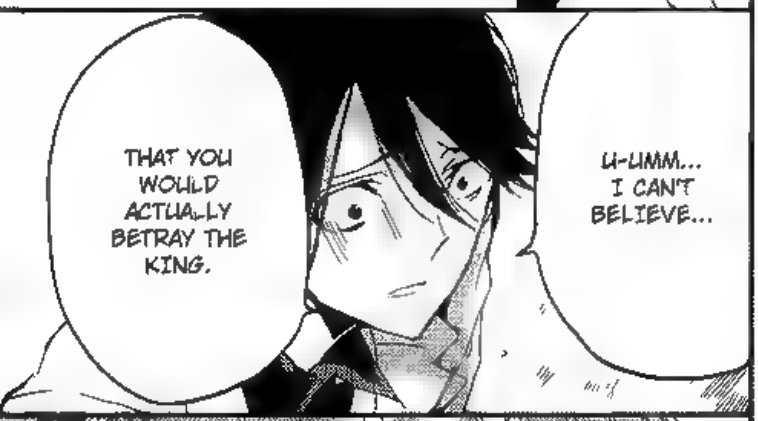
THOSE GUYS... WHERE DID THEY GO?
Vanished
HEY, THIS IS BAD, GUY ON THE LEFT...
WHAT?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
Heart
Heart
From here
A JAPANESE NINJA, AREN'T YOU.
YOU REALLY ARE...
I'm... such an idiot...
I'M SO SORRY...
INVOLVING YOU TWO IN THIS MESS...
...

EVEN THOUGH I'M WEAK
The cost of receiving someone else's help
is rejection by the majority.
FROM NOW ON...
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL DEFINITELY PROTECT YOU.
I WILL NEVER RUN AGAIN
I SWEAR
AND I WILL NEVER GIVE UP.

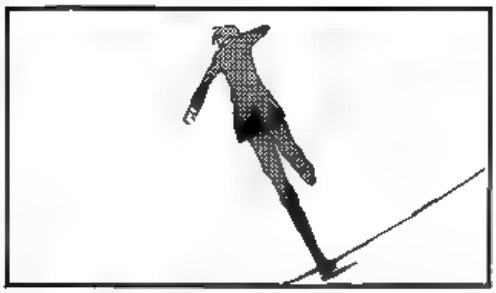
huff
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!
THEN LET'S GO!
HEY, THEY PROBABLY WENT OUT-SIDE.
I'LL GO BACK AND BE THE BAIT.
RUN, YOU TWO!
PLUS, I'M GREAT AT PLAYING HIDE AND SEEK.
YOU'LL JUST--
WHAT?! YOU... WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
I'M COMPLETELY USED TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
TO BE DUNKED IN TOILET WATER, TO HAVE STRANGE LIQUIDS POURED ON ME.

WE'LL MEET UP AT THE POND.
JUST GO.

WHAT?


THAT YOU WOULD ACTUALLY BETRAY THE KING.
U-UMM... I CAN'T BELIEVE...

BETRAYED THE KING?
I...

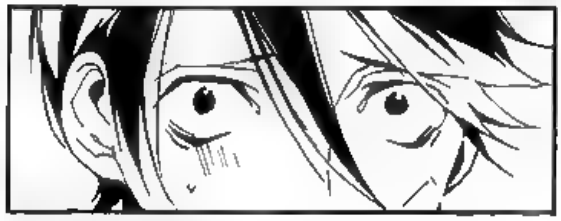


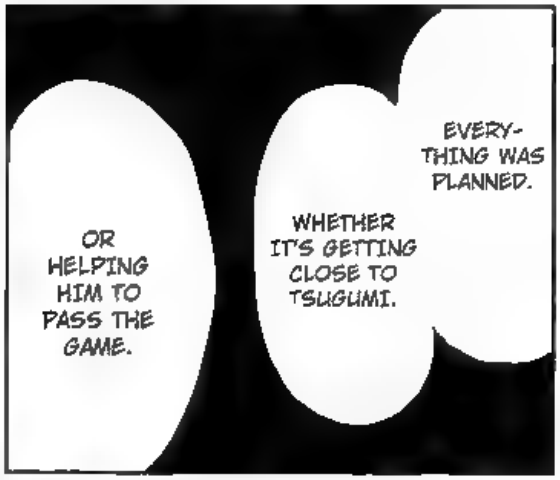
WHAT THE HELL?!
THAT GUY...

LICHT?

THE BETRAYAL WAS A LIE.
HMPH.

AT FIRST IT WAS JUST A MERE INTEREST IN CRUSHING HIM FOR TRYING TO JOIN THE GAME, EVEN THOUGH HE IS THE ONLY JAPANESE STUDENT.




EVERY-THING WAS PLANNED.
WHETHER IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO TSUGUMI.
OR HELPING HIM TO PASS THE GAME.

THE KING, HE WANTS TO SEE THIS SCENE.
HE WANTS TO SEE ALL THE JOYOUS SCENES IN THE WORLD.

OH YEAH, OSCAR, THIS WAS ALSO WHY I WAS BEING COLD TO YOU.
PARDON?

...ICHT...?
BUT, THE KING FORGAVE MY CONFUSION,
AND THEN HE SUGGESTED SOMETHING TO ME.
I AM TO HELP TSUGUMI BECOME THE NEW KING WITH ALL MY MIGHT...
HOWEVER, TSUGUMI DID A LOT OF UNEXPECTED THINGS.
HE'S ALWAYS ACTING OUT OF LOGIC.
ALWAYS SO UNPREDICTABLE.
IT WAS MAKING ME LOSE SIGHT OF MY OWN ACTIONS. THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER FELT THAT WAY.
I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPENED NEXT, RIGHT? OSCAR...
TSUGUMI WILL BE BETRAYED IN THE WORST MANNER POSSIBLE
BY THE "FRIENDS" HE WAS SO SINCERELY DEDICATED TO...

IF IT'S FOR YOU, I'LL DO ANYTHING...
...YEAH, OF COURSE ...
This is the first time I've seen...
Licht speak so much...
But...
Licht... Why?
THAT WAY, WON'T THAT BE SUCH A JOY?
WILL YOU HELP ME? MY OSCAR?

You don't seem... to be enjoying this at al.
Huff
I'VE GONE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO THE POND FOR A WHILE NOW TIME TO HEAD BACK...
DID I LOSE THEM?
cringe
This smell... is so strong.
Thud
Thud
Who's there...?!
Ah!
R-RAYMER-SENSEI?
Oh!
T... T-T-TSUGU-MI...?
How?
T-T-T-THIS l-l-l-LOOK...

I-I NEED TO GO BACK...!
RAYMER-SENSEI, LET GO OF ME!
PICKS UP
HUH ...?!
JEEZ.
DASH
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING MEEE?!
WAIT!
DASH
HUH?
RAYMER-SENSEI, PLEASE UNTIE THESE ROPES ....

IF I DON'T TIE YOU UP, YOU'LL JUST RUN AWAY!
AT LEAST LET ME WIPE THAT EGG OFF YOUR FACE, OTHERWISE I WON'T LET YOU GO!
I... I CAN'T SAY..
BUT I NEED TO GO BACK QUICKLY ...
IF YOU EXPLAIN EVERY-THING TO ME PRO-PERLY, I'LL UNTIE YOU!
TSUGUMI, WHO DID THIS TO YOU?
REINHARD, DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
I'M GOING TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE TO GET A TOWEL AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHES.
YOU SAID YOU NEEDED TO LEAVE NOW, RIGHT?
HERE, I'LL UNTIE YOU.
JEEZ...
SLAM
Hah!
THAT GUY IS A BISHOUNEN-CON.
HE CAN'T BEAR TO LEAVE YOU ALONE...
Please forgive him.

WHAT?
...THAT EGG WAS KAIN'S LITTLE DIRTY TRICK, WASN'T IT?
IT'S OKAY.
THAT... I CAN'T SAY.
SENSEI, DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KING... ABOUT KAIN?
....
KAIN IS ALWAYS MAKING TROUBLE WHENEVER HE PLEASES.
Why is this...
I WAS HIS TEACHER DURING HIS FRESHMAN YEAR.
AH, YES.

If it's the teacher, he might know something...
HEY, SENSEI...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S PRECIOUS TO KAIN?
I DON'T KNOW MY STUDENTS TO SUCH AN EXTENT...
BUT IF I WERE TO GUESS...
THE MOST PRECIOUS THING TO KAIN,
IS PROBABLY HIS ONLY BROTHER.
HAH... SPEAKING OF KAIN AND HIS BROTHER,
IT SOMEHOW REMINDS ME OF THE BIBLICAL STORY OF CAIN WHO SLAYED HIS BROTHER, ABEL.
THAT... DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPEN?

Riiing Riiiing
Will someone pick up...?
HELLO THIS IS THE FREIVOGEL RESIDENCE
Hopefully I can get in contact with this guy.
The king has a little brother...
It went through...!
SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION... IS MR. HEINE THERE?
AND YOU ARE?
I SEE. I'M SORRY BUT I CAN'T PUT HIM ON THE PHONE
EH... UM...
What should I say?!
OH, I'M MR. HEINE'S KOUHAI... BACK THEN I WAS UNDER HIS CARE...
In reality we've never spoken!!

HE ONLY MUMBLES TO HIMSELF EVERY NOW AND THEN AS THOUGH HE REMEMBERED SOMETHING
THEN, I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK
FIVE YEARS AGO, AFTER DROPPING OUT FROM SCHOOL, THAT CHILD ALMOST NEVER SPOKE AGAIN
ARE YOU REALLY HEINE'S FRIEND?
THAT?
SAYING THAT GUY'S DEATH WASN'T MY FAULT!"
"IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
IF THIS LEAKS LEAKED OUT, EVEN I WILL BE KILLED BY THE DEMONS." AND SUCH
"THOSE TWO ARE THE REAL DEMONS."

DO YOU KNOW ANY THING ABOUT THIS ?
"Those two are the real demons"
Why is it...
That after hearing that,
I immediately
I even naturally
COULD IT BE THAT...PANDORA'S BOX IS OPENED...!!
saw the faces ... fear and hell in my head?
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A cruel fate is revolving, revolving incessantly. So we will ultimately slowly sink into the water.
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THE KING HAS A YOUNGER BROTHER ...?
KAIN VALUES HIS BROTHER HIGHLY.
HE EVEN GOES TO THIS VERY SCHOOL.
YES.
A HIGHLY VALUED... LITTLE BROTHER ...

THE CONDITION FOR PASSING THE GAME IS STEALING THE KING'S MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION."
ARE YOU SURE HE GOES TO THIS SCHOOL?
WHAT'S HIS NAME? WHAT GRADE IS HE?
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW WHO IT IS,
I DON'T THINK HE'D WANT OTHERS KNOWING THAT HE HAS A BROTHER, SO...
IT'S A SECRET.
HOW-EVER,
I DEFINITELY THINK YOU'LL KNOW VERY SOON...
IF YOU KEEP UP WITH THIS EFFORT.
I'M SURE OF IT.

Sensei...?
Mm...
Huh...?
Where... am I...?
?!
A chain...?!

WHY
Why
club
UWAA AAAA AAH!

DON'T TELL ME IT'S
Why...
AH, YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.
am I here?
This place... Could it be...
a room for... solitary confinement...?
TO DO WITH HOW I KILLED THE CHAIRMAN?
HEY,
WHAT IS IT THE NEWSPAPER CLUB IS TRYING SO HARD TO INVESTIGATE?

I DID IT BECAUSE... THE PREVIOUS KING ORDERED ME TO.
IT WAS THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO BECOME KING.
It's all... true...
OH MY, DON'T MAKE SUCH AN AMUSING FACE.
Dad...
BUT I SHOULDN'T BE TELLING THIS SECRET TO SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE.
The Chairman's death wasn't accidental...
THAT AT THIS SCHOOL A LOT OF "ACCIDENTS" HAPPEN...
HEY, YOU ALREADY KNOW, RIGHT?
He was murdered by the King.

DASH
DASH
YOU LET TSUGUMI GET AWAY?!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO NOT LET HIM ESCAPE?
THAT'S BECAUSE
HE HAS IMPORTANT MORE MATTERS TO TEND TO.
WHY?!

HOW MANY STUDENTS HAVE WE SEEN BEING TREATED LIKE THAT?
EVERYONE ALWAYS SAYS THAT THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON,
BUT SEVERAL STUDENTS HAVE DROPPED OUT DUE TO THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ALREADY.
THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT, RIGHT?
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT... HE WAS BEING BULLIED.
REINHARD... YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T BE PARTIAL TO HIM.
BUT YOU ACTUALLY VALUE TSUGUMI A LOT, DON'T YOU?
AREN'T YOU WORRIED?
AH... YES.
I DO VALUE TSUGUMI ...

THEN...
BUT I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
TSUGUMI WILL BE FINE.
IS MY ONLY HOPE.
BECAUSE THAT CHILD...
EVEN WHEN HE'S THE VICTIM OF BULLYING, HE'S ALWAYS MORE WORRIED ABOUT OTHERS' WELFARE OVER HIS OWN.
HE MAY BE WEAK, BUT HE'D NEVER CLAIM DEFEAT AT THIS LEVEL.
THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF CHILD TSUGUMI IS.
"PLEASE, STOP IT!"
"DON'T HURT ANYMORE INNOCENT PEOPLE!"
EVER SINCE BACK THEN...

I'VE KNOWN HIM... FOR A LONG TIME...
CORRECT
YOU TALK LIKE YOU'VE KNOWN TSUGUMI FOR YEARS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'BACK THEN'?
BEEN WATCHING OVER THAT CHILD ...
I'VE ALWAYS ...

TSU-
GUMI!
...
LICHT!
OSCAR!
YOU TWO... GREAT ...
THIS PLACE... HASN'T BEEN FOUND YET, RIGHT?
YUP.
BECAUSE IT'S CLOSE TO THE SWAMP, MOST STUDENTS WON'T COME NEAR HERE.
BUT... WHAT SHOULD WE DO HERE ON?
WE CAN'T RETURN TO THE DORMS BECAUSE THEY'LL DEFINITELY BE WAITING FOR US.
...THEN LET'S STAY OUTSIDE.
I KNOW A SECRET HIDEOUT.

wet
wet
GO AHEAD AND WASH AND DRY YOUR CLOTHES.
HOLD
PLUS...
I have matches.
Could it be?
THAT .. THAT BOX OF MATCHES..
THEY'RE THE ONES YOU USED TO BURN THE TEST PAPERS.
...?
Depressed~
Traumatized
Math professor, I'm truly sorry.
HEY,
LICHT, OSCAR.

WHAT'S SHINRIN KYOIKU?
IT'S WHEN THE ENTIRE CLASS GOES TO THE MOUNTAINS TO CAMP OUT.
And we'd cook over a fire.
OH, SO LIKE A SUMMER CAMP?
YUP, THAT'S RIGHT.
We call it Shinrin Kyoiku in Japan.
THIS KIND OF...
LIKE SHINRIN KYOIKU.*
*"Shinrin Kyoiku: Meaning 'education of the forest', is a trip student's take in Japan as a camping exhibition."
...
YOU... WHY DID YOU LEAVE JAPAN TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE?
...I DIDN'T BELONG ANYWHERE.
MY RED EYES AND LIGHT COLORED HAIR MADE ME A TARGET FOR BULLYING.
AH?

I WAS SO HAPPY...
DADDY LONG-LEGS TAUGHT ME ENGLISH.
AND TOLD ME MANY THINGS ABOUT THIS COUNTRY...
AROUND THAT SAME TIME, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DADDY LONG-LEGS.
HE SAID... "I HOPE TO BECOME YOUR POWER".
AFTER MASTERING THE LANGUAGE, AND UNDER THE CONDITION I WASN'T TO KNOW HIS TRUE IDENTITY
AND AGREED TO WRITE HIM MONTHLY REPORTS ABOUT MY SCHOOL LIFE,
HE SENT ME TO HERE.
SO... ALTHOUGH THINGS HAVE BECOME LIKE THIS,
EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR DADDY LONG-LEGS,
I NEED TO WIN THIS GAME.

I KNOW YOU CAN, TSUGUMI. AND YOU STILL HAVE US.
HE SAID THE KING HAS A LITTLE BROTHER WHO'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HIM.
OH YEAH!
AH!
ABOUT THE GAME AND THE KING'S MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION ...
I... GOT A VERY LIKELY CLUE FROM REINHARD-SENSEI.
WHAT?

REINHARD-SENSEI...
TOLD YOU THAT...?
HUH? THE KING HAS A BROTHER?
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THAT.
YEAH... I WONDER WHY THE KING IS KEEPING IT A SECRET...
BUT I BELIEVE THIS IS THE REASON WHY HE GAVE US SUCH A TASK.
tighten
"You know, Licht..."
"I won't accept any failures."

REALLY?
You don't need to worry...
"IF YOU DON'T MAKE ME HAPPY, I WON'T FORGIVE YOU."
DIDN'T I TELL YOU...? I KNOW EVERY STUDENT'S FACE AND NAME.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY,
Kain...
TSUGUMI... I'VE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING INTERESTING.
SHOCK
Those eyes...
Their gaze is hallow, just like that time...

It doesn't matter who
gets killed in order for Tsuguni to win.
YOU JUST HAVE TO KILL "THAT PERSON" IN FRONT OF THE KING.
BUT... THE KING'S TASK IS TO 'TAKE AWAY' HIS MOST PRECIOUS POSSE-SSION...
AND I NOW KNOW WHAT IT IS.
JUST HEAR ME OUT.
WHAT... ARE YOU SAYING...?
Once he finds out that it's someone completely unrelated,
IT'S OKAY... I'LL DO IT FOR YOU.
would he make?
what face
ISN'T THAT WHAT "TAKE AWAY" MEANS...?

Kain
would be happy.
WE'RE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
NO MATTER WHAT, I'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE, TSUGUMI.
SLAP

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING
I DIDN'T BECOME FRIENDS WITH YOU?!
JUST SO YOU COULD DO THINGS LIKE THAT FOR ME!
IF WINNING MEANS YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
I'D RATHER FORFEIT THE GAME.
I'LL TELL THE KING THAT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU AND KNEEL BEFORE HIM TO BEG FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS.

throb
I'LL ALSO APOLOGIZE TO DADDY LONG-LEGS AND MARK...
SO... EVEN IF IT'S A JOKE, PLEASE DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT AGAIN.
throb
throb
It... hurts.
throb
throb
Is it my face...? No...
Then where?
What's happening to me?
It's because I saw Tsugumi cry...

WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY...?
HE EVEN CRIED HIMSELF TO SLEEP.
....
UM, LICHT... I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T SAY THIS, BUT...
RIGHT, UNDER-STOOD.
LICHT, ARE YOU GOING BACK TO THE KING?
YEAH.
COVER FOR ME IF TSUGUMI WAKES UP.

It's just because the deceived idiot himself started crying.

COULD IT BE THAT
THE KING IS FORCING YOU TO DO WHAT HE WANTS...?
BECAUSE... THIS GUY
IS REALLY AN IDIOT...
HE'D PROBABLY STILL FORGIVE YOU,
EVEN IF YOU BETRAYED HIM.
JUST LIKE HOW HE SAVED ME...
I'M SORRY, LICHT.

JUST LIKE WHEN I SAVED YOU FROM THE HANDS OF THAT WITCH.
DON'T WORRY. WHEN THIS ALL OF OVER, I'LL PUNISH THEM ALL.
DID THOSE DISGUSTING PEOPLE ATTACK AND HUMILIATE YOU? DOES ANYWHERE HURT?
HEY, KAIN...
I'LL FIND YOU A NEW TOY.
TSUGUMI... ISN'T FIT TO BE YOUR TOY...
THAT GUY... DOESN'T REACT AT ALL TO ANYTHING.
WHAT?

That's an understatement.
Hug
Even though he was being attacked, he was still more worried about protecting Oscar and I.
To go as far as crying for a stranger... What a strange guy...
SO... I...
WON'T NEED TO STAY BY TSUGUMI'S SIDE ANY-MORE.
Before something changes in my heart...
But, if...
I tell him that I no longer want to be friends with him...
I want to leave...
A TOY THAT DOESN'T MOVE IS MEANINGLESS NO MATTER HOW YOU PLAY WITH IT.

...LICHT?
Tsugumi, he'll probably cry again ...
THEN LICH, CAN YOU BRING THAT LITTLE KITTY TO THE TOWER TOMORROW?
IS THAT SO...? I WANT A NEW TOY TOO...
AFTER ALL, A BROKEN TOY NEEDS TO BE THROWN AWAY.

MARY...?
REINHARD...
REINHARD...

REINHARD, I'M SORRY... I...
TAP
I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM.
I'M SORRY.
REINHARD.
Abel?
are you by Mary's
Why...

This voice...
DA-...
DAD?
REINHARD, DO YOU REALIZE YOU'RE THE CHAIRMAN'S SON?
DAD... DON'T BE LIKE THIS...
I'M TRYING AS HARD AS I CAN TO MAKE YOU PROUD.
I AM...
VERY DISAP-POINTED IN YOU, REINHARD ...
COME. LET'S GO.
MY CUTE SON, ABEL.

Abel, my only brother...

Everything was taken away from me by this person.

I will take back everything!
AH... I ACCIDENTALLY FELL ASLEEP.
Tsugumi...
You're my last hope...

MARY...
DAD...
VERY SOON...
EVERY-THING WILL BE OVER.
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The wheels begin to malfunction.

Since the day Tsugumi arrived at school,

all the wheels began to malfunction.

Torikago Syndrome
#IX The World (die welt)

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Knock

Knock

It's like being controlled by someone.

WHAT'S WITH YOUR OUTFIT? ARE YOU GOING TO A FUNERAL?

RAYMER,

I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU.

.....

CLICK

WHO IS IT? SO EARLY ...

REINHARD?

GOOD MORNING, RAYMER.

THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE SUGGESTED THIS WAS SOMETHING SERIOUS.

Make me some tea.

Tea?!

BECAUSE DAD, EVEN IN THE PAST, DIDN'T HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF ME.

Even though you're still your working.

NO, HE WOULDN'T.

IF THE CHAIRMAN WERE STILL ALIVE, HE'D SCOLD YOU FOR ALWAYS SITTING AROUND DRINKING TEA.

That's right...

REINHARD,

DID YOU MAKE UNCLE ANGRY, AGAIN?

BECAUSE DAD... HATES ME.

AND ONLY LOVES HIS GOOD CHILD, ABEL.

Dad, no matter what,

cared only for my little brother, Abel.

REINHARD,

EVERYONE LIKES ABEL,

EVEN YOU, MARY.

YOU TOO ARE AN OUT-STANDING PERSON.

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.

ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?

THANK YOU. I LOVE YOU TOO, MARY

Mary, my childhood friend who lived next door, said to me.

Since the beginning I've loved her, who is beautiful and gentle.

LEARN FROM ABEL!

This again...

HAVE YOU NO SHAME TO SHOW ME THIS?!

WHAT ARE WITH THESE GRADES ?!

SMASH!

Abel.

Abel.

Abel.

Abel.

Mary...

Save me, Mary.

Mary...

THE RUMORS ABOUT ABEL...

WHAT IS IT?

HEY, DID YOU HEAR?

Only you love me.

Even at school

Everyone was talking about Abel.

I HEARD HE IMPREGNATED THE JAPANESE WOMAN WHO WORKS IN THE COFFEE SHOP.

THAT GUY'S AMAZING.

IT'S RARE TO SEE A JAPANESE PERSON HERE, SO I WAS INTRIGUED.

BUT SHE'S A WOMAN WITH NOWHERE TO STAY IN HER MOTHER NATION.

DAD ALSO SAID THERE'S NO NEED TO CARE FOR HER.

OH, YOU MEAN THAT JAPANESE WOMAN?

IF IT'S ABOUT THAT, I ALREADY TOLD DAD.

SHE SEEMS TO BE A FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN, ALTHOUGH SHE PLANS TO GIVE BIRTH, SHE DOESN'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO WITH US.

NEXT TIME WHEN YOU COME HOME, SOMETHING INTERESTING MIGHT HAPPEN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

ANYWAY, BIG BROTHER,

YOU SHOULD BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT YOURSELF.

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, MARY?

I'VE... FALLEN IN LOVE WITH ABEL.

I'M SORRY, REINHARD.

I HAD GIVEN UP SINCE THE BEGINNING.

I WASN'T CONFIDENT SINCE CHILDHOOD.

EVERYONE LOVES ABEL.

THERE ARE MANY GIRLS WHO LIKE HIM TOO.

What in the world...

HIS TRUE LOVE IS ACTUALLY ME.

THAT HE'LL LOVE ME EVEN MORE THAN YOU DO.

BUT HE SAID

Is she talking about?

I don't understand at all.

I'M PREGNANT WITH ABEL'S CHILD.

I'M GOING TO KEEP IT. I'VE TOLD UNCLE ALREADY.

I can't understand this at all.

I'M SORRY, REINHARD.

That is enough.

KAIN LOOKS JUST LIKE ABEL,

AND LICHT LOOKS MORE LIKE ME.

HEY, KAIN, LOOK AT GRANDPA.

If you, my dear beloved, can be happy, then that's enough.

Mary looks happy.

BUT WHAT ABOUT MARY?!

AND THE CHILDREN!

IT'S EXACTLY AS I SAID.

I'M LEAVING HOME

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, ABEL?

DAD, HE--

SHUT UP!

THEN WHY... DID YOU...?

WHETHER IT'S SUCCEEDING DAD'S WORK OR MARY,

I'VE HAD NO INTEREST IN EITHER OF THEM FROM THE START.

BECAUSE YOU DON'T LOVE ME AT ALL.

BECAUSE I HATE YOU.

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT.

FOUND IN THE FROZEN POND?

LOOKS LIKE IT

I didn't feel anything.

OOH, REINHARD.

I'M SORRY FOR THE PAST.

It's normal to not have any emotions.

This is the right world.

But I, who was at ease,

didn't notice at that time.

In a world without Abel...

DAD,

DON'T BE SAD, I'M STILL HERE

I'M SORRY...

I took the world back from the hands of the devil.

Mary drowned, jumping into the frozen lake.

MARY .. WHY ..?

The first sign came that chilling snow white morning.

AAAA

UNCLE REINHARD,

Crunch

Dad had suddenly disappeared.

GRANDPA WAS SO PITIFUL.

BUT HE PROBABLY WON'T EVER BE FOUND.

Licht...

Kain...

YOU MURDERED FATHER.

IT'S ALL UNCLE'S FAULT.

That instant...

AND GRANDPA BECAME A SPIRIT.

BECAUSE OF YOU, MOM'S TURNED INTO A WITCH

Abel was still alive

WE'RE GOING TO CREATE A PARADISE HERE

and was living in the blood of these twins

carrying obvious malice.

My world was still dominated by Abel.

I realised everyone

DON'T WORRY WE WON'T TELL ANYONE

BUT YOU HAVE TO PROMISE US ONE THING

FROM NOW ON, NO MATTER WHAT WE DO IN THIS SCHOOL, YOU MUST TURN A BLIND EYE

had been killed by these two.

AS A MEMBER OF THIS SCHOOL YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS RIGHT, UNCLE?

I need to end this world once again.

REIN...
HARD?

REINHARD,

Click

TEA'S READY.
YOU DON'T PUT
ANY SUGAR IN
YOURS, RIGHT?

YESTERDAY, I'M VERY SORRY I HIT YOU.

LICHT.

TAP

GOOD MORNING.

...YEAH.

LICHT!

I WENT TO THE PLACE AS YOU SAID. THERE'S NO ONE AROUND THE TOWER.

I SEE. THANKS.

A broken toy needs to be thrown away.

IT'S OKAY.

BUT IF HE'S ALONE--

THEN, OSCAR, YOU GO ON TO THE SCHOOL FIRST.

THE GAME HAS ALREADY ENDED.

WAIT, LICHT!

WAIT!

.....

LICHT, ARE YOU STILL MAD ABOUT YESTERDAY?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN THE GAME ENDED?

WHY...

WHY WON'T YOU LOOK AT ME?

LICHT!

IF IT'LL END THE GAME, I'LL GO TO THE KING BY MYSELF!

BUT...

I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT.

TSUGUMI, PLEASE.

DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD.

SLAP

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.

TAP

WONDERFUL.

COME, LICHT,

AS PROMISED, BROUGHT HIM HERE.

YOU REALLY,

LET'S

GO UPSTAIRS.

EVEN IF YOU KNOW THE WAY, YOU'LL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO COME HERE AGAIN.

UMM, SHOULDN'T I BE BLIND-FOLDED?

THERE'S NO NEED.

DO YOU LIKE LICHT?

YOU...

WHAT IF YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE TO THINK THAT?

WE'RE FRIENDS AFTER ALL.

OF COURSE,

BECAUSE,

IT'S IS RIDICULOUS TO THINK THAT LICHT WOULD HELP YOU.

WHAT?

LICHT IS MY DISCIPLE WHO BRINGS ME SACRIFICES.

LICHT, WHO LOVES THE GAME, HELPING YOU.

DON'T YOU FIND THAT A LITTLE ODD?

HE'S MY LITTLE BROTHER
AS WELL AS A KING.

Ba-dump
WHAT?
Ba-dump
LIGHT IS...

Ba-dump
TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT ARE YOU
Ba-dump

Ba-dump

BECAUSE OF YOU,

LICHT HAS CHANGED.

GIVE MY LICHT BACK TO ME!

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT.

...LICHT?

!!! LICHT !!!

I DON'T KNOW.

MY BODY JUST MOVED ON ITS OWN.

WHY?

I'M SORRY.

PLEASE DON'T CRY.

JUST... KIDDING.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU,

SO...

without realizing it, I had become attracted to you.

At first, I wanted to make you into a sacrifice,

just a toy to offer Kain.

BECAUSE YOU'RE A STRANGE PERSON.

YOU'RE SO FRAGILE, YET YOU TRY SO HARD.

But...

Please don't believe everything was a lie.

PLEASE DON'T REVOKE OUR "FRIEND-SHIP".

OF COURSE, LICHT IS MY FRIEND!

OF COURSE.

Licht.

WHERE DID YOU HIDE HIM?!

LICHT, DID YOU HIDE HIM AWAY?

ABEL!

ABEL!

HEY, DO YOU KNOW WHERE ABEL WENT?

MOM...?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO LICHT?

ABEL...

I LOVE YOU, ABEL

YOU LOVE ME TOO, DON'T YOU?

ABEL!

WHAT I DID JUST NOW IS BECAUSE MOM TURNED INTO A WITCH.

DON'T CRY.

IT'S OKAY, LICHT. I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM THE WITCH.

LICHT,

ARE YOU OKAY?

I WILL PROTECT YOU.

I WILL BECOME YOUR GOD.

HEY, LICHT, CAN WE MAKE A VOW?

That year, on a winter day, I killed the witch.

NO MATTER WHAT, YOU MUST ONLY LOVE ME.
SO YOU MUST LOVE ME.
JUST LIKE PRAYERS GIVEN TO GOD,
I SWEAR, KAIN.
I WILL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU.
No one can stop
I WILL MAKE KAIN HAPPY.
Licht.
us from creating a paradise that belongs only tous.

THE DESPAIR OF LOSING SOMEONE YOU LOVE,
Click
FINALLY, DO YOU UNDER-STAND IT?
I'M HAPPY THAT I'VE LIVED TO SEE THE DAY YOU EXPERIENCE THIS PAIN, ABEL.
Why
SEN .SEI?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING .?
are you smiling joyfully?

THANK YOU. ALL OF THIS IS THANKS TO YOU.
JUST AS I THOUGHT,
YOU WOULD DID LIVE UP TO MY EXPECTA-TIONS.
TSUGUMI.
EXPECT... TATIONS?
I've always wanted to know
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IN THIS SCHOOL
IS TO PROPERLY FULFILL DADDY LONG-LEGS'S EXPECTATIONS.
"Absolutely do not seek out my true identity."

Daddy Long-Legs'
BREAK APART THESE TWO PEOPLE'S RELATION-SHIP
AND LEAD EVERYTHING TO THIS END.
THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I, DADDY LONG-LEGS, HOPED FOR.
true identity...
THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE SUCH A FACE.
WHY... ARE YOU DOING THIS...?
ALL OF THIS
IS MY REVENGE FOR ABEL.

YOU'RE THE SAME.

YOU BOTH LOOK EXACTLY ALIKE, AND YOU STOLE MARY AND DAD FROM ME.

I... AM NOT ABEL.

Dad...

Mary...

Ah...

FAREWELL, ABEL.

It's finally the end.

Wounded!

I DON'T HAVE A REASON
HUFF
WHY... DID YOU
PROTECT ME?
I JUST...
DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE ELSE GET HURT.
IF IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME THAT THINGS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS,
THEN I DESERVE IT.
IT'S THE SAME WITH THE GAME...
ONCE A PERSON GETS HURT, THOSE WHO CARE FOR THAT PERSON WILL ALSO GET HURT.

TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT JUST FOR PERSONAL BENEFITS

IS TOO CRUEL.

YOU...

ARE INDEED INCREDIBLE.

While looking out for myself...

IN REALITY, I DON'T

I WANT TO HURT YOU AT ALL.

in all this...

I involved you

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT ANYTHING WAS WRONG

BUT, WHY COULDN'T I SEE...

TSUGUMI,

I'M SORRY.

I'M THE WORST DADDY LONG-LEGS. I'M SO SORRY.

thinking that he will one day come to destroy my world as well.

I originally wanted to kill him

The day I vowed to get revenge,

I remembered the existence of Abel's other child.

But that child ...
made me believe
TSUGUMI ...
that you have the power to open people's hearts.
I DO LOVE YOU
THIS IS TRULY NOT A LIE.
Covers
Laugh if you want to, Abel.

Daddy...

Long-Legs...

What...

are you doing?

In the end, I was the one who changed the most because of this child.

Hurts...

Where am I going?

I'm slowly losing consciousness.

HEY, KAIN...
IN THE END, NO MATTER IF IT'S ME OR YOU
NEITHER OF US COULD WIN AGAINST TSUGUMI.
IF ABEL COULD SEE THIS CHILD, PERHAPS HE WOULD CHANGE TOO.
The wheels begin to malfunction
Since the day that Tsugumi arrived at this school.

They were malfunction-ing

since the very beginning.

HEY, GUY ON THE LEFT...

No...

Dash
HUH?
THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME OMINOUS SOUNDS COMING FROM IT.
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE TOLD NOT TO GO INTO THE TOWER,
THE GAME ISN'T IMPORTANT ANYMORE.
GET OUT OF MY WAY! I'M GOING IN!
HEY, YOU HAVE TO OBEY THE KING'S ORDERS!

KA...IN...

TAP

TSUGUMI.

REINHARD...
BECAUSE OF YOU THERE ARE SO MANY FLOWERS THAT I ALMOST CAN'T CARRY THEM ALL.
Hey
RAYMER-SENSEI.
TSUGUMI, THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU.
HUH?
Crinkle
THAT DAY...
REINHARD ASKED ME TO GIVE THIS LETTER TO YOU.
I WAS CONFLICTED ABOUT WHEN TO DO IT.
A letter from Daddy Long-Legs
to me...

It clearly laid out all that I wanted to know
about Daddy Long-Legs.
about the first time seeing me.
about Licht and Kain.
The letter was about sensei.
About sensei's loved ones.
"I'm sorry."
The last line read...
DO YOU HATE REINHARD?
SENSEI IS THE SAME AS ME.
SENSEI ALWAYS WANTED TO BE LOVED.

BECAUSE YOU, REINHARD-SENSEI,
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,
WILL ALWAYS BE MY DADDY LONG-LEGS.
NO.
Tsugumi, you said you wanted to leave my side,
to escape the birdcage and find freedom.
I took advantage of this.
But in reality, that's not so, Tsugumi.
TSUGUMI.
Rustle

You simply didn't realize
HEY, OSCAR, DON'T PUSH ME!
LICHT.
MARK, STOP BABBLING YOU FOOL.
That you wholeheartedly believed that you were trapped in a birdcage.

But in your world,

there was no cage from the start.

TSUGUMI!

The END.

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